
WRIT PETITION NO: 16080 of 2007

Between:

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The Government of A.P.,
Rep., by its Principal Secretary,
Irrigation and Command Area Department,
Secretariat Buildings,
Hyderabad and 4 others.

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HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE C.V.NAGARJUNA REDDY

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ORDER:

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This writ petition is filed for a writ of Mandamus to declare the action of respondent authorities in seeking to acquire/encroach upon the lands of the petitioner comprised in Sy.No.B/3 of Kumanadhapuram village of V.Madugula Mandal, Visakhapatnam District without following due process of law as illegal and arbitrary.

In response to the notice issued by this Court, Sri K.Prabhakar Rao, Regional Divisional Officer, Narasipatnam, filed a counter affidavit and un-numbered last para of para No.1 reads as under:

“As seen from the Sub Division records prepared by the Surveyors and un-approved Settlement Fair Adangal of the village, the lands in S.No.8 of Kurmanadhapuram is classified as “Gayalu” measuring an extent of Ac.17.50 cents in which an extent of Ac.0.67 cents is being used as Rasta as per the VA No.3. The land in S.No.8 is classified as Gayalu and it vest with Government. Therefore, the part of land (S.No.8) which alleged to be fallen in alignment of Urakagedda Canal, as contemplated by the petitioner Sri Kantipudi Rajarao, S/o Late K.Tatabbai of Jegurupadu village, Kadium Mandal, EG District, was not published in DN U/s 4(1) and DD U/s 6 of the LA Act, 1894 for the present.”

The above reproduced statement contained in the counter affidavit shows that the petitioner's land is not the subject matter of the acquisition in the notification declaration issued by the respondents. It is needless to say that unless the respondents initiated proceedings under the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, they cannot deprive the petitioner of his land.

The writ petition is, therefore, disposed of with a direction to the respondents not to deprive the petitioner of his land situated in Sy.No.8/3 of Kurmanadhapuram V.Madugula Mandal, Visakhapatnam District without following due process of law and costs.

C.V.NAGARJUNA REDDY

Date: 06-11-2007
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